

Esco

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EPA - Ruben McCullers - David Ramsey

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9:45 A.M. - Katie told me that two men were here from EPA - Showed official badges. I instructed Katie to seat them out front and offer them coffee. 078D

Jim Carolan and Esco were in the plant giving a tour.

I sent Drew out to inform Jim of EPA's presence.

I called the downtown office for Dwight and they said he was working on his truck at home.

I called the Kansas City office to inform Pat that EPA was here and pulled a copy of instructions for an EPA visit. Pat instructed me to send Francis out to shut down the reactor and turn on all vent fans.

I went up front to talk to Ruben and stall for time, to allow for all procedures to be done.

Jim came up front, greeted EPA, and signed for the inspection.

Esco was still in the plant area. Jim explained Esco was already giving a tour to EPA.

Esco finally entered through the back door with the visitor, and I told Esco that I needed to talk to him. I still had to contact miscellaneous department to stop operations and to start clean up.

Esco went to find Gary Tischart to instruct him and to make sure the reactor was down and vents were operating, due to Pat's instructions. Pat instructed me to tell Esco to say nothing of our miscellaneous process we were doing.

I came back into the office, and Jim said, "Lets go get them suited up and on the tour."

With Esco still in the plant, I tried to stall for time, by slowly suiting up.

I sent Richard and Drew to try and locate Dwight.

~~Ruben and David were all suited up and I was not still completely suited up and Esco came in.~~

I introduced Esco to Ruben and David, and Esco went out to suit up. Esco and I proceeded to take them out in the plant area.

Esco moved fast, trying to point out the different areas.

Ruben asked what the big storage bin was and Esco said core storage. They (EPA) wanted to know how to get into it. I told them Pat would be here soon and would tell them how to get into it.



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David Ramsey was looking at dates on crates and drums.

Ruben said he didn't bring his tape to measure between rows, and also counted how many items were stacked on top of each other. Esco explained problems with curbs, trying to repair them when cold.

Reactor Room - All persons were cleaning, Esco explained to Ramsey about our pit tanks, how they went to the preheats because the reactor takes too long to heat and then when at the right temperature it's shot with the NA and alcohol.

Ramsey looked at crates of T-metal and wanted to know what we did with crates that were contaminated. I said we mark them as PCB, and that we do not use them for clean metal.

Ruben inquired what we used the paint booth for and I said the painting of DSS and ASW. There was a pallet of 3 or 4 capacitors sitting just inside somewhat of the paint booth. Esco told them we were thinking about moving the paint booth.

Ruben asked if we were still planning on moving ASW to another building. I said I didn't know. We moved very quickly around to TPA area.

Esco was somewhat ahead of Ruben, Ramsey and me, and Ramsey asked if the tin wall was an outside wall. I just walked on like I didn't hear him. Esco waited for us to catch up and Ramsey asked again if that was an outside wall, and Esco said "No, core storage."

EPA wanted to know how to get inside and I said I didn't know, that Pat would know.

We went around the TPA and finished up.- I came inside to visit the little girl's room, and Dwight showed up. I informed Dwight of the areas we were in trouble.

1. Reagent Process:
2. Core Storage Areas

Esco was still in the lunch room with EPA and Dwight and I could see them through-the-door window. I went to the rest room and came back and sat with Dwight in my office, and Pat soon arrived. Pat asked where Esco was and I said I don't know, and Dwight said the south building.

~~Pat wanted to know why no one was with them.~~

I said I didn't know they were in the south building and I was in the restroom.

Dwight said some things, but I really don't remember, because it was B--- S--- and I just block that stuff out..

Pat went to lunch with Esco, Dwight with Richard.

I stayed at the office. When Pat and Esco came back Esco wanted to talk to me, Dwight and Pat.

Esco was very upset and related that I said he had sold the company out.

With not much time to explain anything, EPA arrived back at the plant and we proceeded to meet with them.

David Ramsey prepared the EPA papers for photos taken and I requested that we receive copies of all photos.

Pat signed for Martha C. Rosa.

Ramsey presented summary of observations and Pat signed.
The list contained:

1. Broken curbs
2. PCB containers on ramp (should be inside curb)
3. Two drums #OX173 - 09610, storage more than one year
4. Improper storage of cores and paper

Items for discussion -

Containers : Must be air tight, metal, non-leaking.
Until we get approval on our containers, we must use 55 gallon drums. We had too many open drums, must provide some type of lid and keep closed while not using.

Send letter to Morris Kay on alternate containers.

Transformers: Cut tops off and filled with miscellaneous, no way to seal air tight.

Cores: No way to record track. No ID or GSD.

EPA: Policy change - Debris out of transformers is sludge.

Transformers: 500 ppm must be incinerated.

Inspections: David Ramsey will do more often and a lot of them.

After meeting, EPA left.

Later I found out after apologizing to Esco, that some one in the front office related to Esco that I and Dwight got our heads together, and I guess said he sold us out.

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